



Village Update

September 25, 2026

UPDATES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY

INSIDE MUNICIPAL HALL

INSTALLMENT #3

*Our Community.
A Shared Future.*

Mayor, Council, CAO and Staff — Understanding the Roles

In the last edition of Inside Municipal Hall, we looked at the different responsibilities of municipalities, regional districts and the Province. This month, **we turn the lens inward: who does what within a municipality?**

At first glance, the answer may seem straightforward. Residents elect a Mayor and Council, and municipal staff deliver services. In practice, there is an important governance structure between those two functions. Understanding it helps explain how municipal decisions are made, how direction is given, and why the roles of elected officials and staff are deliberately different.



COUNCIL GOVERNS COLLECTIVELY

Council is the Municipality's **elected governing body**. Its role is to:

- Establish priorities
- Adopt bylaws and policies
- Approve budgets and major expenditures
- Determine service levels
- Make the decisions that provincial legislation assigns to Council

A fundamental feature of the system is that Council exercises its authority **collectively**. With limited exceptions, an individual Councillor does not have the authority to make decisions on behalf of the Municipality.

Residents naturally approach individual Councillors with questions, concerns and ideas. Councillors play an essential role in listening to the community and bringing different perspectives to the Council table, but a decision of the Municipality requires Council to act as a body.



THE MAYOR HAS A DISTINCT ROLE

The Mayor is a member of Council but has additional responsibilities established by legislation. The Mayor:

- Provides leadership to Council
- Chairs Council meetings
- Helps ensure municipal business is considered effectively
- Represents the Municipality in the community and with other governments

The Mayor's leadership role does not replace the collective authority of Council. The Mayor has **one vote** at the Council table, just as each Councillor does. This balance allows the Mayor to provide leadership while preserving the principle that municipal governance is exercised collectively by the elected Council.



THE CAO MANAGES THE ORGANIZATION

The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) is Council's principal link to the municipal administration and is responsible for the overall management of the organization.

The CAO:

- Provides professional advice to Council
- Ensures Council receives the information needed to make informed decisions
- Coordinates the work of municipal departments
- Oversees implementation of Council's lawful direction
- Advises Council where a proposed course of action may present legal, financial, operational or governance concerns

Professional advice will not always recommend the course Council ultimately chooses. Council makes policy decisions; the CAO ensures those decisions are informed by professional analysis and an understanding of their implications.



MUNICIPAL STAFF DELIVER SERVICES AND RESULTS

Municipal employees turn policy and Council direction into services and results. They:

- Operate and maintain infrastructure
- Administer finances
- Process permits and applications
- Enforce bylaws
- Support emergency services
- Manage projects
- Prepare bylaws and policy
- Facilitate Requests for Proposals and tenders
- Manage contracts and projects
- Carry out the many other functions required to operate the Municipality

Staff make decisions within the authority given to them by legislation, municipal bylaws, Council-approved policies or delegated authority.

The day-to-day direction and management of staff is the responsibility of the CAO and the municipal management team, not Council.



WHY THE DISTINCTION MATTERS

Clear roles support accountability. Residents should be able to identify who makes decisions, who is responsible for implementing them, and where to direct questions or concerns. When the roles of Mayor, Council, the CAO and staff are understood and respected, the Municipality is better positioned to make informed decisions, deliver effective services and work constructively with the community.



A STRONGER MUNICIPALITY TOGETHER

This structure is not intended to create a wall between Council and staff. Effective municipalities depend on a strong working relationship between the two. Council brings democratic legitimacy, community perspective and policy direction. Administration contributes professional expertise, organizational capacity and continuity. Each is most effective when the responsibilities of the other are understood and respected.

Informed People. A Stronger Community.

All Candidates Meeting

The Village of Lions Bay will be facilitating an All Candidates Meeting for the office of Mayor and for Councillor in advance of the 2026 General Local Election.



DATE

**Sunday,
October 4, 2026**



TIME

Afternoon
(details to follow)



LOCATION

**Lions Bay
Community School**
250 Bayview Road



DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Further information regarding the meeting format, candidate participation, timing and logistics will be provided shortly.



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MORE INFORMATION
lionsbay.ca/2026-election



Meet your Candidates

Get informed. Get involved

Candidate profiles are now available on our website.

Learn more about the candidates, review their profiles, and find the information you need to make your own informed decision.

Visit our website to view the candidate profiles:

<https://www.lionsbay.ca/2026-election>

FROM THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY
MUNICIPAL TAX SALE
CANCELLED

THE TAX SALE SCHEDULED FOR
SEPTEMBER 28, 2026 AT 10:00 AM
HAS BEEN CANCELLED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 645 OF THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ACT.

Lions Bay Official Community Plan Update

Questionnaire

Planning for our future

**Share your
thoughts and help
shape the OCP**



*Available between:
Aug 28 - Oct 4*

*Scan the QR code
or*

*Follow the link:
surveymonkey.com/r/LBOCP1*



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**LIONS
BAY**



Water Conservation – Level 1 Ending October 1

Level 1 Water Conservation measures will end on **September 30**. Thank you to all residents for your continued efforts to conserve water and help ensure reliable supply for everyone in the community.

Multi-Family & Institutional Bin Exchange – September 28–29

Garbage, organics, and recycling containers at **non-single-family properties**, including multi-family homes, the school, and the café, will be exchanged next week on **Monday and Tuesday**.

The red Waste Control bins will be removed and replaced with new containers provided by **GFL**. Please begin using the **new GFL containers immediately** once they arrive.

We do not anticipate any delay between removal and delivery; however, if a short gap occurs, we apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience.

There is **no change to any single-family containers** at this time.

New Garbage, Organics, and Recycling Contractor – October 2

Today marked the final curbside pickup of garbage, organics, and recycling by **Waste Control**. Beginning next week, **GFL** will continue providing this service.

There is **no change** to collection schedules or requirements at this time. Please continue to place your containers out in the same manner as usual.

Residents can report any issues, such as missed or delayed pickups, directly to GFL at 604-892-5604.

Garbage, Organics, and Recycling Collection – Q&A

Staff understand that many residents have questions about the upcoming changes to garbage, organics, and recycling collection. We are happy to assist and provide clarification before the new system is rolled out. Please send any questions or comments to:

Eric Villeneuve, Director of Operations doo@lionsbay.ca

Staff will provide responses in the weekly Village Update.

1. Additional Organics Pickup – What Can Residents Use for Extra Material?

Question: Additional pickup days will be scheduled for residents who have more organics than can fit into the standard bins supplied by the contractor. The September 8 *Village Update – From the Yard* noted that extra green waste may be placed at the curb in kraft bags. Can residents use other receptacles instead of kraft bags? Can they use their existing bins?

Answer: Yes. Organics set out on these additional pickup days **do not need to be placed in kraft bags**. Residents may use bins that can be safely lifted by collection staff, including most existing bins already in use.

Whether using kraft bags or bins, the **total weight must not exceed 50 lb**, as heavier containers cannot be safely lifted and emptied. Kraft bags must be **compostable; plastic bags are not permitted**.

2. Size of the New Wheeled Totes

Question: How big are the new garbage and organics totes?

Answer:

- **240 L Totes** Approx. 23" × 29" × 42" high Capacity: ~6 average household garbage bags
- **120 L Totes** Approx. 19" × 22" × 37" high Capacity: ~3 average household garbage bags. Footprint is similar to a standard household garbage bin, but slightly taller.

3. Container Maintenance and Animal Damage

Question: Can the Village clarify the contractor's responsibility for maintaining the containers? What happens if a container is damaged by an animal?

Answer: The contractor is responsible for maintaining containers that experience **normal wear and tear**. If clips, wheels, lids, or other components are damaged during collection, residents may contact the contractor to request **free repair or replacement**. Contact information will be provided when the new containers are delivered.

If containers are damaged by bears or other wildlife, the contractor will repair them. However, if wildlife damage occurs **repeatedly** and residents have not taken reasonable steps to store containers in a location that is not accessible to animals, repair costs may become the responsibility of the resident.

Residents are reminded that bins containing attractants should continue to be stored in wildlife-inaccessible locations, consistent with current practice. The **120 L tote** has a footprint similar to most standard bins, so many residents should be able to store their new containers in the same location they use today.

Construction Delay – Isleview/Lions Bay Avenue Pathway Stairs

Construction of the stairs on the public path near 210 Isleview Place, connecting Isleview and Lions Bay Avenue, resumed this week. We apologize for any inconvenience the delay may have caused.

For public safety, residents are asked not to use the pathway at this time while construction activities are underway.

Thank you for your patience as crews work to complete these improvements.



Every year, Operation Lifesaver Canada leads **Rail Safety Week** to raise awareness, inspire action, and help prevent railway crossing and trespassing incidents across Canada.

From **September 21 to 27, 2026**, this year's Rail Safety Week campaign, **There's No Undo Button**, reminds Canadians that around tracks and trains, the choices we

make matter. We're inviting Canadians to join the conversation using **#RSW26** and help spread the rail safety message.

Throughout the week, we'll explore a different rail safety theme each day, featuring **videos and perspectives from industry experts and rail safety partners**, along with practical information and resources. You can also get involved by using our **Rail Safety Week social media toolkit** to share rail safety messages with your own community and networks.

Explore the activities calendar below to see what's happening each day, access campaign resources, and find ways to take part in **Rail Safety Week 2026**.

Activities Calendar



Good day, Lions Bay,

FireSmart — Wildfire Preparedness Is Year-Round

This week, Lions Bay Fire Rescue is highlighting the FireSmart services and resources available to our community.

While wildfire awareness is naturally higher during the summer months, FireSmart does not end when the high-impact fire season does.

Property assessments, education, planning and wildfire-risk reduction can take place throughout the entire year.

LBFR is available to assist residents with FireSmart information, awareness and property assessments. If you have questions about your home or property, would like to better understand potential wildfire hazards, or would like information on arranging an assessment, please feel free to connect with the Fire Chief.

Understanding How Wildland Fire Spreads

Wildfire risk around a home is influenced by several factors, including vegetation, available fuels, slope and wind-driven embers.

The *How Wildland Fires Spread* graphic included with this week's update provides a useful overview of how these factors can influence fire behaviour. Understanding these basic principles can help residents identify areas around their own properties where relatively simple changes may improve wildfire resilience.

FireSmart Begins With You — Free Home Guide

The Village Office has free copies of the FireSmart BC home guide available to residents. It is an excellent resource for understanding practical steps that can be taken around your home and property.

Download the FireSmart BC Begins With You Guide:

<https://firesmartbc.ca/resource/firesmart-bc-begins-with-you-guide/>

FireSmart BC also provides additional guides and manuals covering topics such as landscaping, home construction, vegetation management and wildfire preparedness.

FireSmart BC Guides & Manuals:

<https://firesmartbc.ca/resource-types/guides-manuals/>

If you have difficulty accessing either of these links, please email the Fire Chief and I will be happy to send you copies of the PDF resources directly.

You do not need to wait for wildfire season to start preparing. Fall and winter are excellent times to assess your property, identify opportunities for improvement and begin planning for the year ahead.

For FireSmart information, resources or assistance with an assessment, please connect with Lions Bay Fire Rescue.

Fire Chief De Arcangelis
Lions Bay Fire Rescue



LIONS BAY FIRE RESCUE

OUR COMMUNITY • OUR PEOPLE • OUR PURPOSE

SAFETY TODAY
A STRONGER
TOMORROW

WEEKLY UPDATE | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

FireSmart — Preparedness Is Year-Round

REDUCING WILDFIRE RISK TODAY FOR A SAFER TOMORROW

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How Wildland Fires Spread

Dense Continuous Forests

Wildfires can spread rapidly in forests where trees are closely spaced, allowing flames to move easily from tree to tree. Embers generated by the fire can travel up to 2.5 kilometres ahead of a wildfire, often landing on trees or buildings that start additional fires. Coniferous trees (trees with needles) are highly flammable, making forests with these trees more susceptible to fast-moving and hot-burning wildfires. In contrast, deciduous trees (trees with leaves) are less flammable and burn less easily. There is also significant risk from quick-moving grass fires that mostly burn small, dry materials.



Coniferous trees are highly flammable.



Deciduous trees are less flammable.



Slope

Fire spreads most rapidly uphill, with steeper slopes causing wildfires to burn even faster. Homes and other structures built on steep slopes or at hilltops are at the highest risk. To enhance fire resiliency, consider removing coniferous trees such as cedars or junipers located below and beside the structure, replacing them with fire-resistant plants. For new construction, aim to set buildings at least 10 metres back from the crest of any hill or slope.



Free FireSmart Resources

The Village Office has free copies of the FireSmart BC home guide available to residents. It is an excellent resource for practical steps you can take around your home and property.



FireSmart BC — Begins With You Guide

<https://firesmartbc.ca/resource/firesmart-bc-begins-with-you-guide/>



FireSmart BC — Guides & Manuals

<https://firesmartbc.ca/resource-types/guides-manuals/>



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Take Action Year-Round

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Lions Bay Fire Rescue

OUR COMMUNITY.
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OUR PURPOSE.

Council & Committee Meetings

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council (CLOSED) - October 6, 2026 at 6:00pm

Regular Meeting of Council (OPEN) - October 6, 2026 at 7:00pm

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Infrastructure Committee Meeting - September 29, 2026 - 6:00 pm

Climate Action Committee Meeting - October 5, 2026 – 6:00 pm

***Note:** Please check the Village website [calendar](#) for meeting schedule changes or cancellations.*

[View the Council and Committee Schedules, Agendas, and Minutes HERE!](#)

Video conferencing is available for public participation via Zoom. Instructions on viewing etiquette, and how to attend and publicly participate in a meeting can be found [here](#).



Fall 2026 term · Ten Thursdays

Lions Bay Music Together®

Songs, drums, and dancing for little ones — and the grown-ups who love them



📅 Class details

When Thursdays at 10:00am, starting September 24, 2026 — 10 weeks, 45 minutes each, followed by refreshments

Where Broughton Hall, 400 Centre Rd, Lions Bay (in the gymnasium)

Ages Children 0-5, with their grown-ups

All instruments and musical props are provided — just bring yourselves!

🕒 Tuition

\$200 per child for the term

\$100 per sibling, 12 months and older

Free for siblings under 12 months

Every family receives the Bongo's collection CD, a download code, a songbook, a full music notation book, and access to the Music Together family website.

Why Music Together?

Exposing children to the language of music during these early developmental years accelerates brain development, builds social and emotional coping skills, strengthens motor and mathematical skills, and fosters friendships and intergenerational connection.

I'd love to help foster your child's musical development.

Text or call Tanya · 604-813-0181

tagsales@telus.net

Register any time — spots are limited to keep our circle small and friendly.

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Avoid pesticides and leaf blowers.

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www.lionsbaybirdfriendly.ca



PLEASE!!

**PUT DOWN THE CAMERA AND
TELL THE BEAR TO MOVE ALONG!**

Lovely though bear sightings are, bears should not be lingering in your yard, for their own good.

SET BOUNDARIES FROM A SAFE SPACE

Start by using a loud, firm voice. If need be, clap your hands and yell, bang on pots, use an airhorn or bear spray.

LESSER KNOWN METHODS

Flap a garbage bag loudly & tell the bear to go, activate your car alarm, toss cold water on the bear from a high spot, start a leaf blower. Stop when they're moving away.

**MORE
INFO**



lionsbaybearsmart.ca



Oktoberfest 2026 Tickets



🍺 Do you like free beer?

Lions Bay Oktoberfest is built by the community for the community - and we need a few awesome volunteers to pull it off.

Sign up for a shift, hang out with your neighbours, and score a couple of free beers on us! 🍻

We're looking for help with:

👨‍🍳 Kitchen Crew: Help us cook up delicious pretzels and sausages.

🍹 Bartenders: Have your Serving it Right? We'd love your help behind the bar!

🎫 Greeting Team: Are you the host(ess) with the mostest? Help welcome everyone at the door!

Come for the shift, stay for the fun!

👉 Please reach out to lionsbayevents@gmail.com to sign up!



Mark Crissinger Blues Band |SAT Nov 14 (7-9:30pm) @Village Hall

Veteran blues-rocker and former Toronto scene mainstay **Marc Crissinger (guitar / vocals)** is bringing his high-energy, original blues sound to Lions Bay for a full-band performance. **Known for sharing stages with legends like Jeff Healey**, the seasoned guitarist continues to tour nationally while showcasing his roots-driven music. **With a new album in tow** (mid-September release) that he's been gigging and fine-tuning across the country, this will be a blue-moon opportunity.

MUSIC + ART. EXPERIENCE Visual artists are **Lara Palmer (Tofino)** and **NHL hockey legend "King Richard" Brodeur**. Artists will be present. **Come give them a high-five!** *Sponsored by Thyra McKilligan of Re/Max Masters.*

NOTE: EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS MONDAY, SEPT 7 (LABOUR DAY)

\$10 Early Bird Ticket

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Real-time Air
Temperature

Curbside Solid
Waste
Timeslots

Drop-off service for wildlife attractant solid waste, as well as non-curbside recyclables (styrofoam, batteries, lightbulbs, soft plastics, electronic e-waste) is available at the **Public Works Yard, 5 Tidewater Way, Fridays 6-9 am and Saturdays 8-11 am.**



Reception: (604) 921-9333

Public Works Voicemail: (604) 921-9833

Public Works After-hours On-call: (604) 290-1498

Bylaw Enforcement Officer: (604) 834-3404

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